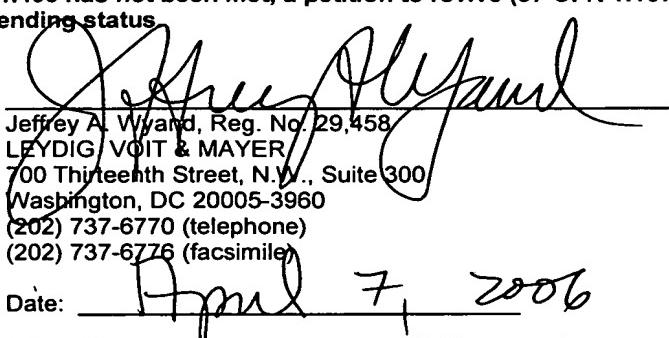


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 403677/SKY |
| | | CLIENT REF. NO. |
| | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/000831 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 29, 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 10/574946 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masahiro UEHARA | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has previously been submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)). 11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies <p>Items 12 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of References (except for U.S. patents and applications) 13. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76 19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: | | |

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| All other situations | | \$200 | |
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| <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> | | | |
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